

IN THE THOUSAND ISLANDS & OTHER PLACES

HEART ISLAND, SUMMER HOME OF GEORGE C. BOLDT, THOUSAND ISLANDS.

IN THE BRAKE, THOUSAND ISLANDS.

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Thousand Islands.

Alexandria Bay, Aug. 12.—I have often thought that the Thousand Islands almost enhanced their beauty by the soft and poetic names which meet you at every turn. There is Frontenac, with its memories, and Summerland and Castle Rest, Cape Vincent, Thousand Island Park, Cherry Island, Welcome Island, Heart Island and so on through a long list of names which are suggestive. This year the pickers and the muskallonge have been biting freely, and the air is so invigorating, and this river-like for such it seems to be at this spot—so entrancing that one gets up with the crack of dawn not to lose a blessed moment. Craft of all kind have been sailing from island to island. There is a perfect fleet of steam yachts, and the catboats and catamarans and canoes and steam launches are as numerous almost as the fishes in these clear, limpid waters.

The boat races have been well attended, and life has consisted almost altogether of boating and fishing, with a bit of tennis and handball for heavier exercise. Golf has arrived here, but there are so many other things to do that one only gives it a second thought. One of the delights of this country is that you can be out all day long in your boat fishing and put in at some little cove and cook your meals at fresco in some spot on some island which looks as if it never had been inhabited by man before. It is a glimpse of Paradise, this life on the waters, restful and free from care. It suits me.

The meet of the American Canoe Association opened yesterday, Aug. 11, and will continue for two weeks, closing August 23. New features of the meeting this year are an entertainment committee composed of S. A. Anderson and L. P. Hubbard, of Buffalo, and E. A. Burns, of Toronto. The fleet will be captained by Henry Ford, of Buffalo. Among the winners of trophies at former meets who have signified their intention of being present and competing are Messrs. Smythe, Moore, May, McTaggart, Palmer and Hogan. Last year the war canoe race between crews from Toronto and Brockville was the most exciting of the events. This year six crews of fifteen men each are expected to enter. They are Toronto, Brockville, two teams from Montreal, the Britannia crew from Ottawa and a crew from Kingston. The North-western Rowing Association will hold its meeting at Brockville immediately after the close of the A. C. A. meet. The West Canoe Association has entered the A. C. A., and is now known as the Western Division. It will be represented by twenty-five picked men. Several new events have been arranged for this season by the Regatta Committee, which is composed of A. T. Brown, Rochester, chairman; John W. Ely, Rochester, and F. B. Huntington, Milwaukee. The programme of events is as follows: No. 1—Decked canoes, record combined race, paddling and sailing half mile alternately, three miles. No. 2—Record sailing, two and a half miles. No. 3—Record paddling, one mile straightaway. No. 4—Novice sailing, three miles. No. 5—Trophy sailing, nine miles. No. 6—Dolphin sailing trophy, seven and one-half miles. No. 7—Sailing, live man overboard, one-half mile. (Passenger must be dropped and picked up after the canoe has rounded a buoy). No. 8—War canoe race, A. C. A. championship, one mile straightaway, August 14.

Open Canoes.—No. 9—Sailing race, one and one-half miles. No. 10—Combined sailing and paddling, one-half mile alternately, one and one-half miles. Division Paddling Races.—No. 15—Western Division, Gardner Cup. No. 16—Northern Division war canoe race.

Paddling Races.—No. 17—Trophy, one mile straightaway. No. 18—Open canoes, double blades, one-half mile with turn. No. 19—Tandem, single blade, open canoes, half mile with turn. No. 20—Relay race, article passed from one canoe to another three relays, one and one-half miles. No. 21—Single blade, half mile with turn. No. 22—Novice race, single blades, open canoes, one-half mile with turn. No. 23—Four men, paddling, single blades, open canoes, one-half mile and turn. No. 24—Tandem overboard (both men leap overboard and regain seats), open canoes, one-fourth mile. No. 25—Tilting tournament with sparring poles. No. 26—Hurry-scurry, single blades, open canoes, run, jump, swim and paddle. No. 28—Women's paddling, one-fourth mile with turn. No. 30—Swimming, 100 yards.

Postmaster General Smith was a guest of George C. Boldt at Heart Island this week. Mr. Boldt's yacht, the Louise, met the distinguished guest at Ogdensburg August 5 and conveyed him to Mr. Boldt's Summer home.

R. H. Starbuck, of New York, is spending his vacation at Thousand Island Park, the guest of his uncle, Mr. Starbuck is captain of the Cornell University football team and will play the position of halfback.

L. R. Van Duser, the well-known patent medicine man of Newburg-on-the-Hudson, who owns Warner's Island and sails the Herreshoff private yacht Vanuua, has presented gold and silver medals to his crew for bravery displayed by them during the storm of July 5. The Vanuua was cruising on the inside of Grandier Island when the squall struck her. The pilot could not see two feet ahead in charge of a table; Miss Udall, Colonel Law-

and the wind and sea were so heavy that there was constant danger of the destruction of the vessel. However, the crew remained at their posts and succeeded in running the yacht to shore, where she was beached. She received but slight injuries to her bottom, but so great was the fury of the gale that the deck was stripped of awnings, posts and furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Van Duser, who are quite aged, were glad to have escaped with their lives, and Mr. Van Duser caused gold and silver medals to be struck by Tiffany, of New York, for the crew.

In appreciation of the steamer Captain Visger and her personal worth as a pleasure craft, W. T. Dewey, of New York, has presented her captain with a very neat display flag, which now floats proudly from her masthead.

A merry fishing party composed almost entirely of New Yorkers enjoyed the cool breezes of the St. Lawrence and the excitement of the famous fishing grounds on Colonel O. G. Staples's private yacht one day last week and returned heavily laden with large catches. Among the party were Colonel and Mrs. Besant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Doucey, Mrs. Sherred, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hodges, W. H. Anderson, Dr. Buscha, Miss Dohr, Mrs. W. W. Dixon, Miss Mary Wells, Dr. Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Crane.

Mackay Stearns will erect a \$25,000 cottage on the foot of Cherry Island.

The Thousand Islands Yacht Club has announced the following events: For twenty-footers, for the Browning Cup, race to be sailed August 20; race for the Wilbur sterling silver cup, August 12, at 2 p. m. These races promise to be of unusual interest to Summer visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hirsch, of New York, are enjoying the hospitality of the Thousand Island House. Mr. Hirsch is a prominent attorney of the metropolis, and was instrumental in the formation of the Oarsmen's Protective Association.

Among the party of distinguished guests who were entertained by the managers of the Rutland Railroad at the Crossman House recently were Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire; J. M. Gleason, Boston Insurance Company; J. M. Hull, president Berkshire Insurance Company, Pittsfield; E. E. Ballou, Woonsocket, R. I.; S. P. Cook, Woonsocket, R. I.; F. E. Johnson, F. R. Cooley, Colonel A. E. Hart, I. C. Dugham, Hartford Insurance Company; W. H. Leray, Boston; T. B. Wells, president of the Rutland & Burlington Railroad.

Among the late New York arrivals at the river are Archibald F. Cushman, Norman F. Cushman, Miss Eleanor R. Cushman, Miss M. R. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. King, Paul E. Helming, Henry H. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hews, Dr. S. F. Pitts, Miss Jessie L. Scheuber, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Oakes, C. S. Richardson, Peter Quinn, W. J. Patterson, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. Frederick Lacey, Miss Lacey, Mrs. Job E. Hedges, Miss Josephine Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sweney, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Chapel, Miss Male Stevenson, Mrs. C. K. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ackerman, Miss Ackerman, F. W. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Richter, Jr., Mrs. Charles Potter, Miss R. Potter, Miss Louise Potter, F. A. Schneider, Miss B. Rockell, Mrs. A. Wyckoff, J. Shack, Joseph Weiner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webster, Miss Dorothy Webster, Mrs. W. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Northup, C. V. Wright, Miss Blanche Wright, Julius Seigel, Sidney M. Schwartz, Alfred L. Sternberger, M. E. Elven, Miss Esther A. Quinn, Miss Florence McAdam, E. W. McAdam, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Miss Thompson, Mrs. S. A. Freund, Miss Camille Freund, A. G. Armstrong, C. H. Detweiler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Valente, Fred A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Apple, J. Alexander, Mrs. G. T. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Goodale, J. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Helen M. Wade, W. B. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stowell, Miss Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac P. Smith, Miss Juliet Smith, Mrs. M. P. Norris, Irving Schmeltzer, Dr. Beers, Miss Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Farley, Miss Farley, Mr. and Mrs. D. McD. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clesman, of New York; General and Mrs. William C. Wallace and Miss Helen Wallace, of Brooklyn.

Aug. 12.—Society is in a perpetual whirl, far apart from the usual concerts, hops, receptions, golfing and polo there are the annual smart functions for charity. Just now there are a number of them on the programme, although two of them—the benefit for St. Christina Home, under the management of Mrs. John Manning, and Mrs. G. P. Lawton, and the fair at Convention Hall, for the benefit of the Bethesda Parish Fund—have been disposed of. Nearly \$1,000 was taken in at the Fete for St. Christina Home, but this is not to be wondered at, since this charity is under the protection of the college contingent here. The scene at the fair was picturesque, indeed, as the many charming matrons of society here were in charge, assisted by a bevy of pretty girls. All were arrayed in superb gowns. The music was good and a fine collation was served. A few noticed were Mrs. G. P. Lawton, Mrs. John Manning, Miss Manning, Mrs. Walter Hanson, Rev. Dr. Carey, Mrs. Carey, Miss Carey, Miss Seeger, "Rique," Mrs. William Cumming Story, in charge of a table; Miss Udall, Colonel Law-

ton, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Septimia Collis and son, Charles Collis, and Mrs. Lathrop.

A most enjoyable tea was held at the Saratoga Golfing Club house Saturday. A few noticed were Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. G. P. Lawton, Captain Andrews, Mrs. W. C. Story, Mrs. General Collis, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Rockwood, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Gage, Miss Gage, Miss Seeger, "Rique," Mrs. Walter Hanson, Miss Udall, Colonel Lawton, Mr. J. Manning, Miss Manning.

A smart set will be drawn out on the 16th by the fete at "Annandale," the home of Mrs. Daniel Lathrop, for the benefit of the Saratoga Hospital. Mrs. Lathrop is a sister of Mrs. Leiland Stanford, of California, and with her daughters, Mrs. G. P. Lawton and Mrs. Walter Hanson, is indefatigable in promoting the interests of Saratoga. Mrs. G. P. Lawton is vice-president of the floral fete of 1899. This annual event begins September 5, and will take the form of a carnival. Several mask balls will be given at the largest hotels at the same time, also one at Convention Hall, and the holder of a ticket may attend one or all of them. The "Flora" of the parade will probably be Miss Augusta Gage, a bud and a girl of very attractive appearance.

Mr. Chauncey Kilmer presented a check for \$1,000 to the Saratoga Hospital. This will be used to enlarge the hospital.

Mr. Mahler, master of ceremonies at the Congress, will give a children's minstrel show at Convention Hall on the 16th. It promises to be one of the events of the season, as Mr. Mahler's success in training little ones in spectacular shows and in the terpsichorean art is well known. About one hundred little folks are in training.

The races attract a crowd of sporty people. They either return with a "pile" or come home "dead broke," as the case may be. The talk on hotel piazzas is decidedly horsey just now. Even the meal hours are changed to suit the races, and non-sporty people must grin and bear it.

The lawn party for the benefit of the Home of the Good Shepherd will take place August 23. Mrs. John Manning, Mrs. G. P. Lawton, Mrs. Walter Hanson and a lot of pretty girls will



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SISTER AND I— MIDLAND BEACH.

be in charge of the affair, and it is hoped that a large sum will be realized for this worthy charity. A corner stone has been laid for a new home, which will be built in the Fall.

West's big show attracted a fashionable crowd at Convention Hall yesterday evening. The arrival of West's company is hailed with delight, and social affairs are secondary considerations when his programme is presented.

The cakewalk at the States on Monday was a howling success. It was for the benefit of the hotel waiters, and was held in the ball room. Several thousand persons were present. The minstrel show and jokes which preceded the cakewalk were amusing and original. The cakewalk caused much merriment.

Governor Roosevelt will be waited upon by a committee from here, who will invite him to be present during the Peace Jubilee, or floral parade, "Wayside," one of the Hilton houses at Woodlawn, will be set aside for his use, if he accepts the invitation.

The nightly concerts at beautiful Congress Spring Park are very enjoyable, especially the sacred concerts, which draw a large crowd. Mr. Sheehan, the owner of the Spring and park, does all in his power to add to the natural attractions of the place.

Atlantic City, Aug. 12.—The tide at Atlantic City is

its flow. The season has been wonderfully successful. Three great cities have contributed to its gayety. Here are the New Yorkers, here are those from Philadelphia and here are those again from Baltimore. Its great walk is so crowded at night that it is like one constant outpouring of people. The bathing has been delightful, although the sea has been rather rough these past few days, and the life savers have been at work. Atlantic City is what its name implies. It is a great city by the sea. It has its large hotels, its concert halls, its cafes, its places of amusement of all kinds, its hops and its shoppers, and from morning to night there is one great rush of people on its board walk. This unique promenade has nothing to equal it in the world. It is Brighton and Trouville and an American watering place thrown into one. The people you least

expect to meet turn up, and it is a spot of surprises.

Dame Fashion has set the seal of her august approval upon Atlantic City as a midsummer as well as a Spring and Easter place of social delight and mundane enjoyment, and as a result the City-by-the-Sea is honored with the presence of many folk who in other seasons have never known what it was to mix with the democratic 200,000 which fills the beach, the board walk and the hotels. It is the Democratic many who make such a picture of life and character as Atlantic on an August day possible, but the fashionable few lend an air of social glitter and a superior cast to the place—which combination, be it remarked, makes it at once a resort for the many and the few. Apropos of this it is noticeable that while last year the enshrine and the dance were the favored amusements in the social world, this season the order of things has undergone a complete reversal, and outdoor sports and kindred diversions have supplanted the hotel functions in the affections of both Summer girl and Summer man. Twenty to forty eucures a week were given during the Summer of '98; three or four large ones complete the roster now, and these are, as a general thing, given in the aid of charity. But then there is golf, there are fishing, boating, bathing and lovely moonlight sails; and, once in a while, polo or horse and pony racing on the beach. Besides this, there never was a season when so many amusement enterprises were offered for consideration along the beach front, as a quick enumeration will indicate.

Beginning at the Inlet, where the white-winged fleet is moored, there are two sea pavilions where music is discoursed daily and nightly; a ball park with daily games for the "rooters," and a protechnic production of the "Battle of Manila." Next comes Hain's Pier, scene of an interesting exhibition; then a series of "Midway" features. Wonderland exhibits, rifle galleries and Moorish palaces. The Japanese tea gardens, of over an acre in size, attract great attention, and a series of handsome beach front art stores leads down to the brilliant steel pier where Innes and his band discourse concerts afternoon and night. Next is the new Auditorium Pier, recently opened under so many difficulties, where continuous vaudeville out on the ocean is the feature; and Young's Pier, with its ocean trolley and scores of amusement features, is next. The Academy of Music, right on the board walk, is giving a season of comic opera with well-known star players. Below this is an Oriental village, with the inevitable concomitant of "La Belle Fatima," and down in a fashionable "belt" is the charming Brighton Casino, where Miss Blueblood and her friends are wont to sit and chat, and where there is a swimming pool, on the sacred surface of which on certain days the profane eye of man dares not to look. Several blocks of unobstructed beach and city view intervenes 'twixt here and that interesting section of the walk known, near and far, as the "Bowery." Once in this district fine manners are merged into the prevailing average of a take-it-easy sort, and the short-skirted subterfuge is voted a perfect "hit." And let this be whispered: "Bowery parties are quite the thing with the very folk who sit and chat in that select Casino several blocks above.

Between the times of enjoying this symposium of sports and social amusements itself largely with sports. The Country Club over at North-hole has opened its new 18-hole links, the first game being that in a medal play handicap tournament which opened with twenty-two players. E. A. Darby, the scratch man, prominent in New York and Philadelphia golf circles, won the silver cup with 94 strokes, the nearest him being J. Haines Lippincott, who, with a handicap allowance of 12, netted 98 strokes. Other well-known golfers participating were Milton C. Work, E. S. Price, A. H. Chadbourne, E. A. Ballard, D. H. Carstairs and Henry Mackey.

A novel impromptu game of polo was played on the beach in front of the Brighton Casino Wednesday morning, a duplicate of which has probably never been seen along the Jersey coast. A party of belles and beaux of Philadelphia and New York swelled who are summering at the Brighton, the Windsor and Haddon Hall, went in to bathe together, bent on having a jolly time. There are several branch livery stables on the beach, and the suggestion was made by one of the party to hire half a dozen ponies, buy a ball, send to one of the hotels for sticks, and "make a try" at a game of beach polo in their bathing suits. All fell in with the idea enthusiastically, and within fifteen minutes the novel game was in progress; that is, in so far as conditions permitted. Fully 1,000 people watched the polo players from the Esplanade, but as the ponies were necessarily limited, the players did not spend much time at it, but played baseball instead, the feminine members of the lively coterie taking part.

An exciting horse race took place on the beach Tuesday afternoon, the spectators including a number of prominent horsemen. The race was between David L. Ward, a prominent paper dealer of Philadelphia, and Charles R. Myers, proprietor of the Rindoff here, both driving in pneumatic-tired sulkies. The starter was the well-known horseman "Doc" Marshall, Captain

John W. Emery being timekeeper. But one heat was run, Mr. Ward's sulky meeting with an accident, and the race will occur, instead, on Tuesday next. Among the spectators were B. L. Robinson, Dr. Thomas J. Morton, Senator J. C. Grady, A. E. Marion, Somers Doughty, Thomas W. Helmhold, E. A. Phillips and George W. Jackson.

Daily, especially during bathing hours, the beach is the scene of incidents of a most amusing and novel character. Every day in the month of August sight-seers along the ocean front are treated to the spectacle of a dozen young men, clad in the most bizarre costumes, parading up and down in pink saumonettes, and each wearing a bright pink garter on the left leg. There is nothing effeminate about the ensemble. On the contrary, they are all college men of the hearty, husky type, and their capers are born simply of a spirit of fun. They are athletes, and somersaults, pyramids or acrobatics of any sort are "pie" to them, they say. All the boys are last year men from the University of Maryland, and are prominent socially in Baltimore and vicinity.

There's a pretty little ivy-covered cottage on Virginia avenue here which is known in social-don as the "Adamless Eden," because, although it is the Summer home of nearly a dozen matrons and matrons well known in Philadelphia and New York's social circles, there is but one of the male bipeds in the house, the other husbands and fathers coming to Atlantic but once a week on account of business restrictions. The cottage is occupied every Summer by a family noted for its pretty daughters, and these, with their young friends, make it a delightful place. Enjoying seashore life there now are Mrs. A. J. Craig, Mrs. James Fitzgerald, Mrs. Lee and Miss Elizabeth Lee, with three of the prettiest Summer girls of the season—Miss Ada Craig, Miss Rose Kelly and Miss Birdie Fox. Attractive belles are numerous in the cottage colony, by the way.

Among the most interesting of them are Miss Neal Scattergood, well known in Brooklyn society, and Miss Emma Arnold, of St. Louis, the girl who started the Hobson kissing fad. Other pretty girls at the shore are Miss Sara Reeves, who is one of the most stylish of the golfers; Mrs. C. R. Davis and Miss Anna Walsh, a stylish blonde, of graceful carriage, who registers from New York.

There are many handsome and stylish matrons here, too, including Mrs. Edith Warren, of New York, who is an enthusiastic golfer, and is generally found of outdoor sports; Mrs. Ida M. Houston, also of New York, whose costumes are numerous and pretty, chiefly running to blue; and Mrs. Senator Jacobs, of New York, who has a magnificent collection of precious gems and jewels.

There were many New York arrivals this week. Howard Mason, prominent in clubdom, registered at Haddon Hall. At the Dennis are Charles L. Simson, Andrew McCaul and David J. Lees, all leaders in the world of business.

From Brooklyn comes Mitchell May, prominent in commercial affairs. He is registered at the Rindoff. Miss Cornelia Strong, daughter of Judge Strong, of New Brunswick, N. J., was a recent visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Case, of New York, are enjoying a sojourn. Edward Lawson, socially well known in Gotham, is a daily beach promenade. The Misses Seelye are Washington belles of great beauty and style at the Boskople.

Nantucket, Aug. 12.—The golf championship at the Nantucket Links is

being worked hard for by the leading players, and some very interesting matches are being held. Two cups have been offered for the winners of the championship, one by Mrs. H. R. White, of Philadelphia, and the other by Colonel George M. Brayton, U. S. A.

Another new building is soon to be erected at Sunset—a large casino. The fund for this building was started a number of years ago, but the treasury is still intact and is rapidly being swelled by subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Upham (Grace Le Bawn), of Boston, will spend the remainder of the month of August on the island.

Judson Harmon, Esq., with his family, of Cincinnati, have opened the mansion on Federal street for the Summer. Mr. Harmon was Attorney-General in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, a prominent clergyman of Washington, D. C., with his family, are stopping at the Point Breeze.

General G. J. Langdon and family, of Elmira, N. Y., are occupying Bonnie Castle, on the cliff.

Two very prominent society ladies are guests at Driftwood, Brant Point. They are Mrs. Remsen Whitehouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams, and Mrs. Linzee Snelling, her step-sister. Colonel J. Floyd Jones, U. S. A., has been sojourning here for a few weeks.

Fred Lovell and family, of New York, are occupying their cottage here for the Summer. Dr. Meyer E. W. Peck and wife, of Burlington, Vt., are summering at Nantucket.

The Summer travel to Nantucket has been so great this year as to exceed the hotel accommodations, and private boarding houses are reaping the results.